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COUNTRY: AFGHANISTAN

SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT NO. SEVEN AS OF 1510 HOURS
LOCAL 15 OCTOBER 1979
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PREPARED AT 1530 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON 15 OCTOBER
1979

1. SOURCES IN THE USAID COMPOUND IN THE WESTERN SECTION OF KABUL REPORT HEARING MANY HEAVY AND LIGHT EXPLOSIONS FROM THE WEST OF KABUL DURING THE PAST THREE HOURS. (FIELD COMMENT: THE EXPLOSIONS APPEAR TO BE COMING FROM THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE 1TH DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AT RISHKOR, WHICH IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 6-8 KILOMETERS TO THE SOUTH OF KABUL.)

2. AT APPROXIMATELY 1225 HOURS, SEVERAL FIRETRUCKS AND AMBULANCES WERE SEEN LEAVING KABUL, HEADED SOUTHWARD. (FIELD COMMENT: THE DISPATCH OF FIRE TRUCKS AND AMBULANCES BY THE GOVERNMENT INDICATES THAT THE OPPOSITION IS INFlicting SOME CASUALTIES AND DAMAGE ON GOVERNMENT FORCES AND/OR INSTALLATIONS.)

3. CURRENTLY SIX T-62 TANKS (IN THE AFGHAN ARMY'S 302 SERIES) ARE STRUNG OUT ALONG THE TWO-MILE ROAD FROM DOWNTOWN KABUL TO DARULAMAN PALACE. THE HELMETED AFGHAN TANKERS ARE COMBAT-READY AND ARE ON ALERT ON THE OUTSIDE OF THEIR TANKS. ALL TANK BARRELS ARE POINTING WESTWARD, WITH THE SOLE EXCEPTION OF THE TANK BETWEEN THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND DARULAMAN, WHICH IS POINTING EASTWARD AND SOMETIMES TO THE SOUTH. THE SQUAD MANNING THE TANKS NEAR DARULAMAN APPEAR VERY NERVOUS AND ARE FIRING THEM FREQUENTLY.

4. AT 1230 HOURS, AN MI-24/25 GUNSHIP CAME FROM THE NORTH OVER THE AID COMPOUND, DESCENDED IN A TURNING,

SHALLON DIVE FROM AN ELEVATION OF AN ESTIMATED 7000 FEET AND LEVELLED OFF IN WESTWARD FLIGHT AT AN ELEVATION OF APPROXIMATELY 2300-3000 FEET AS IT HEADED WESTWARD IN THE DIRECTION OF DARULAMAN PALACE (NO. NINETEEN) OF NATIONAL DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS, ABOUT ONE MILE SOUTH OF AIR 11. THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF 7TH DIVISION IS AT EIGHTH. (FIELD COMMENT: IT APPEARED THE AIRCRAFT WAS DIVING TO SOUTH KABUL AREA A THOROUGH EXAMINATION.)

5. COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY TRAFFIC ALONG THE TWO-MILE ROAD FROM DOWNTOWN KABUL TO DARULAMAN APPEARS NORMAL DESPITE THE PRESENCE OF THE TANKS.

6. ALTHOUGH A COMPANY OF TROOPS IS STILL DEPLOYED IN FRONT OF THE PALACE, THE REST OF THE TOWN IS RELATIVELY NORMAL. IN ADDITION, AN EARLY MORNING DRIVE 6-7 KILOMETERS EAST ALONG THE JALALABAD ROAD REVEALED NO TANKS OR APC'S DEPLOYED ALONG THIS ROAD. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC WAS NORMAL.

7. VERY FEW NOVIETS OR SOVIET VEHICLES HAVE BEEN SEEN IN KABUL.

8. AS OF 9 OCTOBER 1979 THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISSENSION AMONG THE RANKS OF SEVERAL HUNDRED 7TH DIVISION ENLISTED PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLUNTARILY EXTENDED IN THE ARMY BEYOND THEIR TWO-YEAR ENLISTMENT PERIOD.

9. ACC: AFGHANISTAN, KABUL (15 OCTOBER 1979)
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10. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY AND DATT AT KABUL.
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